

SOUR FINISH TO WANDERERS LEAGUE CAMPAIGN

Wycombe Wanderers 1, Wealdstone 3.

WYCOMBE WANDERERS finished their Isthmian League programme on a sour note when they suffered their ninth league home defeat at Loakes Park on Saturday, with Wealdstone outside-ride Bernie Bremer snapping a hat-trick in 67 minutes.

As has so often been the case this season the Wycombe front line carved out numerous goalscoring chances but hesitant finishing allied with good goalkeeping kept Wanderers' forwards out.

Wealdstone this year's amateur cup semi-finalists who were knocked out by Chesham, displayed a far better tactical knowledge of the game, with Great Britain wing-half Charlie Townsend supplying the finesse and power from behind.

It was a clever piece of off the ball running by Townsend which enabled Wealdstone to take an eighth minute lead. Townsend made ground down the right-wing before receiving a pass and crossed for Bremer's head to do the rest.

MASKELL'S LEG STRAPPED

Wycombe keeper John Maskell had his left leg heavily strapped and it was difficult to judge if the injury hindered his movement in the 18-yard area.

At times Wealdstone placed too much accent on the physical side of the game and Montague appeared to be booked by the referee for a late challenge on Busby.

Horseman saw a fine effort cleared off the line by right-back Phillips and from the resulting corner Worley blazed inches over the top. Territorially Wanderers were on top and at least three clear chances of equalising were created but were not accepted.

Four minutes after the resumption, in a lightning raid, Wealdstone went further ahead as Lindsay's drive beat Maskell but rebounded from a post straight to Bremer, who calmly scored.

Within four minutes Wycombe had replied with a goal which put them back into the match. Samuels gave Worley a square pass and the outside-right advanced a few paces before choosing the narrowest angle to beat Williams.

However, in the 67th minute, Wealdstone restored the gap when Bremer completed a fine afternoon's work by grabbing his third goal. Rundle misjudged a pass from Lindsay and Harper's shot was charged down by Maskell. Bremer racing on to the loose ball stroked it home past the spreadeagled defence.

Wycombe Wanderers: J. Maskell; I. Rundle, P. Eyres; B. Baker, V. Faulkner, C. Gale; L. Worley, K. Samuels, V. Busby, A. Horseman, L. Merrick.